

April 2009

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol

Major Kevin Tice

Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1121 crashes as compared to 1178 crashes in April 2008. The total crashes decreased by 4.8 % compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, and extensive public education efforts. When compared to last year, fatalities were the same at 6. Of the 24 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 6 resulted in injuries. The remaining 16 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 2.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 3.6 % of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1271 crash reports in April. This resulted in 2,876 crash reports being mailed out, a reduction of 56.6% when compared to April 2008. There were 912 visitors, requesting police services at the Front Office, which was a decrease of 8.7 % when compared to April 2008.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 26,808 CAD incidents and 33,509 telephone calls. CAD incidents are attributable to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in the overall traffic enforcement by 23.7 % in April 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008. DUI arrests from crashes were down 25.9 % as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 13.1 % as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 6.5 % compared to last year.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 11.9 % and its other citations by 24.5 % as compared to last April. The number of Safety Inspections Increased by 19.2 % compared to last year. This resulted in 141 vehicles and 90 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

Contents:

Crash Analysis	2
Field Enforcement	3
Administrative Ops	4
Public Information	5
Air Operations	6-7

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	April -09		April-08	% Change		March-09	% Change
Total crashes	1121		1178	-4.8%		1092	2.7%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	827		886	-6.7%		799	3.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	288		286	0.7%		291	-1.0%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		6	0%		2	200.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	40		54	-25.9%		46	-13.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		6	0 %		3	100 %
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		1	0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		2	0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	24		47	-48.9%		43	-44.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	16		42	-61.9%		38	-57.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6		5	20.0%		5	20.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.5%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.6%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 25.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 2.1%
- ✱ Total crashes down 4.8 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 48.9 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes remain the same as last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	April-09		April-08	% Change		March-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	40		54	-25.9 %		46	-13.0 %
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	181		160	13.1 %		181	0 %
Other arrests	935		1206	-22.5 %		907	3.1 %
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	414		443	-6.5 %		417	-0.7 %
Speed violations	4751		4303	10.4 %		5023	-5.4 %
Hazardous moving violations	2264		2421	-6.5 %		2382	-5.0 %
Occupant restraint violations * ##	626		777	-19.4 %		706	-11.3 %
Total violations [above violations included]	15261		12333	23.7 %		15935	-4.2 %
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	94		84	11.9 %		119	-21.0 %
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	264		212	24.5 %		385	-31.0 %
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	919		771	19.2 %		868	5.9 %
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		13	-92.2 %		4	-75.0 %
Total safety violations -- citation	562		292	92.5 %		506	11.1 %
Total safety violations -- repair order	2344		1387	69.0 %		2334	0.4 %
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	141		86	64.0 %		134	5.2 %
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	90		48	87.5 %		80	12.5 %
Total school buses inspected	520		152	242.1 %		384	35.4 %
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	70		6	1066.7 %		55	27.3 %
Total trucks weighed	191		1421	-86.6 %		1423	-86.6 %
Total overweight citations	15		40	-62.5 %		12	25.0 %
Total dyed fuel inspections	644		790	-18.5 %		668	-3.6 %
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0 %		0	0 %

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		29		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		8		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		35		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		7		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		5		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.85 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 17 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April-2009		April- 2008	% Change		March-2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	353,685		343,952	2.8%		357,792	-1.1%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,810,316		1,642,833	10.2%		1,641,034	10.3%
CAD Incidents	26,808		25281	6.0%		27,025	-0.8%
Telephone Calls	33,509		30269	10.7%		33288	0.7%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	Elec Issue		54	#VALUE!		Elec. Issue	#VALUE!
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,271		1,377	-7.7%		1,116	13.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	353		517	-31.7 %		383	- 7.8 %
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17		14	21.4%		21	-19.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	108		107	0.9%		116	-6.9%
Visitors at Counter	912		999	-8.7%		1,097	-16.9%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,876		6,632	-56.6%		2,752	4.5%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	793		899	-11.8 %		947	-16.3 %
Warrants Entered	353		517	-31.7 %		110	220.9 %
Warrants Cleared	359		576	37.7 5		244	47.1 %
Warrants Validated	1948		1419	37.3		3,265	-40.3 %
Extradition / Transports	19		19	0 %		18	5.6 %
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	83		55	50.9%		88	-5.7 %
New Items Submitted	189		204	-7.4%		197	-4.1 %
Items Disposed	402		12	3250.0%		16	2412.5 %

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 74.70 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 16.87 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 2.41 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 1.20 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 4.82 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 12 Contracts using 455.75 hours, billed in the amount of \$32,992.59

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1097	18	82	24	3

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
937	673	36	103	61	42

Community service appearances: (Total 10)

Schools:

- Valley HS (2 visits)
- Canyon Springs HS (10 classes)
- Clark HS
- Arbor View HS
- UNLV
- Ross MS
- Brown MS

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (Total 38)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- Press Event for Taser International Officer Memorial
- Speedway Children’s Charity Event
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- Planning Meeting for Boy Scout Expo
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver’s Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- SHSP Communicators Workshop
- Legislative Testimony on Seat Belt Legislation

April 2009

Flight Operations

Southern Command

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations

Sergeant/Pilot Tony Sabino

Overview

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 10 missions accounting for 38.1 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
4	20.5	54	Speed Enforcement Missions
2	8.4	22	Line patrol/ Assist Searchlight Trooper for fleeing driver and passengers
3	6.5	17	Night Currency Training/ Missing Man Formation Training
1	2.7	7	Property Transport

On May 28th the aircraft was called to assist in locating three male subjects who fled during a routine stop near Searchlight into the dessert. Additional air and ground support from the Metropolitan Police Department responded to assist. After a three hour search, the Metropolitan Police Department located the three individuals who fled. The driver faces charges of human trafficking and felony eluding. Immigration officers also responded and took custody of six male subjects facing illegal immigration charges and deportation.

A scheduled 50 hour preventative maintenance check was completed by Lone Mountain Aviation.

During the month, the pilot completed his 90 day night currency check.

The aircraft was utilized for the transportation of computers between the northern and southern commands.

All command aircraft met in Tonopah on the 30th for missing man formation flight training. May 1st, the division aircraft will fly in a missing man formation over the Southern Command Nevada Highway Patrol Headquarters for the dedication of our Fallen Officer Memorial.

Six enforcement missions were scheduled this month. Two were cancelled, one due to flight training and the other for the pilot taking a family sick day.

The resulting missions flown yielded a total of 211 enforcement actions. During these missions, three motorists were assisted. Refer to the table below for a brief description of activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	191
Hazardous	3
Non-Hazardous	17
Seatbelts	0

Out top clock was 105mph, silver Chevrolet Corbel on I-15 near Sloan. In addition, 5 other violators were stopped driving in excess of 102mph.